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## MUNICIPAL ORDINANCES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

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### NEW YORK, N. Y.

#### Burial and Cremation—Permits—Communicable Diseases. (Reg. Dept. of Health, Mar. 30, 1915.)

Regulations of the department of health of the city of New York, adopted March 30, 1915, effective April 1, 1915, relating to section 42 of the Sanitary Code which provides as follows:

SEC. 42. *Dead bodies of human beings; interment, cremation, or other disposition; permit required.*—No interment, cremation, or other disposition, of the dead body of any human being shall be made in the city of New York without a permit therefor issued by the board of health or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of such permit and the regulations of said board, and the said dead body shall be placed in a metallic or tin-lined box, or a box so constructed as to prevent the issuance of any liquids therefrom. No sexton or other person shall assist in, assent to, or allow the interment, cremation, or other disposition of any such body, or aid the preparation of or assist in preparing any grave or place of deposit for any such body, unless a permit shall have been issued, as hereinbefore provided, authorizing such interment, cremation, or other disposition of such body; and it shall be the duty of every person who shall receive any such permit to return such permit to the department of health in accordance with the regulations of the board of health.

REGULATION 1. *Filing of proper certificate.*—No permit for interment, cremation, or other disposition of the remains of deceased persons will be issued unless a proper certificate of death filled out in black ink is filed in the Bureau of Records.

REG. 2. *Refusal of illegible, imperfect, or altered certificates.*—No certificate will be accepted which is illegible or imperfectly filled out, or which has been corrected, interlined, or altered in any manner. No certificate of death will be accepted upon which the cause of death is indefinite. Such certificates shall be returned to the physicians signing them for additional information, correction, or a new certificate.

REG. 3. *Physicians signing certificates must be registered.*—No certificate of death will be accepted unless the physician signing same is registered in the bureau of records, either as a practicing physician or as an interne in an institution.

REG. 4. *Certification by undertaker of employment.*—No permit for the burial, cremation, or other disposition of the remains of deceased persons shall be granted, unless the undertaker in charge of the funeral will certify that he has been employed by the next of kin or other person charged with the disposition of the body.

REG. 5. *Place to obtain permits.*—Permits for the disposal of the remains of persons deceased in this city must be obtained at the office of the borough in which death took place, except in cases in which permits are required after office hours; in such cases permits may be obtained at the central office between 6 p. m. and 12 p. m. daily.

REG. 6. *Permits issued in other cities to be accepted.*—Burial or cremation permits issued by boards of health in any State of the United States other than that of the city of New York must be accepted by superintendents of cemeteries or crematories, provided the name of the cemetery or crematory is stated thereon, and if not stated said permit must be exchanged for one issued by the board of health of this city.

REG. 7. *Conditions on permits to be observed.*—Superintendents or keepers of cemeteries and crematories shall not permit human remains to be interred or cremated except in accordance with the conditions stated upon the permit presented at the time of such burial or cremation; and no permit shall be accepted by them which has been altered or changed in any manner whatsoever.

REG. 8. *Procedure in deaths from contagion.*—When the body of a person dead of a contagious disease is to be transported to any place outside the city limits the undertaker must notify the department of health in order that the department may send one of its inspectors to determine who may accompany the said remains without danger to the public health during the journey or at the city or place of destination. And furthermore, the undertaker shall notify by telegraph the health officer of the city or place of destination that the body is about to be shipped, and such notice shall state the name of the deceased, the cause of death, the date of death, and the time of arrival. When the burial or cremation is to take place in a cemetery or crematory immediately adjacent to the city of New York and the body is to be transported directly to the said cemetery or crematory by hearse, and at no time during said transportation placed in a railroad car or other public conveyance, the last rule need not be complied with.

REG. 9. *Remains of persons deceased from infectious diseases: caskets to be officially sealed.*—All caskets, coffins, or other receptacles containing the remains of persons deceased from smallpox, diphtheria (croup), scarlet fever, yellow fever, typhus fever, plague, Asiatic cholera, measles, or other infectious disease, shall be sealed immediately by the undertaker or other person charged with inclosing the remains with the official seal provided for that purpose by the department of health, and upon said seal shall be stated the day and hour of sealing, and the name and number of license of the undertaker.

#### Midwifery—Practice of—Schools for. (Reg. Dept. of Health, Mar. 30, 1915.)

Regulations of the department of health of the city of New York, adopted March 30, 1914, effective April 1, 1914, relating to section 196 of the sanitary code, which provides as follows:

SEC. 196. *Practice of midwifery regulated.*—No person other than a duly licensed physician shall practice midwifery in the city of New York without a permit therefor, issued by the board of health or otherwise than in accordance with the terms of said permit and with the regulations of said board.

#### REGULATIONS.

REGULATION A. *Permit to be obtained for practice of midwifery.*—No permit will be granted unless an application, made on the printed blank form issued by the board, has been filed with the department of health.

REG. B. *Certificate of application.*—The application must be certified to by two reputable and responsible laymen (preferably clergymen, priests, or rabbis).

REG. C. *Requirements for permit.*—The applicant must be 21 years of age or over, and of moral character. She must be able to read and write. She must be clean, and show evidence in general appearance of habits of cleanliness. The applicant must also present a diploma or certificate showing that she is a graduate of a school for midwives, registered by the board of health of the city of New York as maintaining a satisfactory standard of preparation, instruction, and course of study, but the requirements of a diploma shall not apply to any person who is now, or heretofore has been, authorized to practice midwifery by the said board.

REG. D. *Permit to expire in one year.*—The permit will allow the holder to act as a midwife for one year from the date of issuance and must be renewed at the end of that time. The board of health may at any time revoke this permit.